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A NEW COVER-SLIP FORCEPS.

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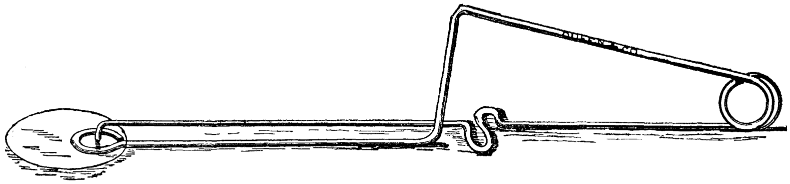
It has occurred to me that there is need of a simple and inexpensive cover-slip forceps. The least expensive forceps of this kind which is satisfactory is retailed at a cost of sixty-five cents, a price somewhat too high to warrant their free distribution in laboratories, where they are likely to be mislaid or lost. It was the necessity of having to share a pair of cornet forceps with two other students which first suggested the forceps here presented. It is simply the development of the bent hairpin which we have all used.



The forceps is made of nickel-wire bent in the shape shown, and so constructed that the strain will not "run" on the forceps, and that when placed on a plane surface it stands upright, holding the cover-slip in a horizontal position.

It is admirably suited to "smear-work" of the clinical sort, and can be used even for section work, although not so well adapted to this use.

The principal claim to be made for the device is the extremely low cost of its manufacture, which adapts it to laboratory use. If purchased in quantity the expense would be trifling. At present it can be bought for about one-third the cost of the cornet forceps.